

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in the present application. The amendment to claims 3 has been made only for removing multiple-multiple dependency expressions of the claims.

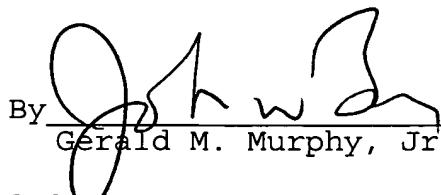
Thus, in the instant amendments, no new matter has been introduced.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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